**Open Call for RESTORE Action ITC Conference Grants**

We are able to finance a few more Conference Grants (up to 1500 Euro)! If you were late to the previous calls here is another opportunity! As previously, we aim at supporting PhD students and ECI researchers (Early Career Investigators) from Participating Inclusiveness Target Countries to attend international science and technology related conferences not specifically organized by the COST Action RESTORE.

**Eligibility criteria:**

1. Conference Grants are exclusively reserved for PhD students and ECI’s with a primary affiliation in an institution located in an ITC (Inclusiveness Target Country). **The ITCs are as follows:** Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Croatia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Republic of North Macedonia, Republic of Serbia and Turkey.
2. The applicant must make an oral/poster presentation at the conference in question and must be listed in the official event/conference programme. The main subject of the oral presentation / poster presentation / speech at the approved conference **must be on the topic of the Action** **RESTORE** and must acknowledge COST (see [COST Vademecum](http://www.cost.eu/Vademecum) Section 10, page 38).
3. The conference, the submission of the expenses, and the reporting must take place before **the end of the current Grant Period**.

Examples:

* The conference in April 2019 is funded from the GP2 budget. (ITC GC for GP2).
* The conference in July 2019 is funded from GP3 budget. (ITC GC for GP3).
* The conference in April 2020 is funded from GP3 budget. (ITC GC for GP3).
* The conference in May 2020 is funded from GP4 budget. (ITC GC for GP4).
* Etc.

The participation of each applicant will be pre-approved by the MC of the COST Action RESTORE. Attendance at European conferences is preferred. However, conferences held elsewhere can also be considered.

**How to apply?**

To apply for a Conference Grant within the RESTORE Cost Action (CA16114), please send the following documents (in a single pdf file) to jelena.brajkovic@arh.bg.ac.rs

1. filled ITC application form (max. 2 pages – see the form on the next page of this document);
2. the Applicant’s CV, including recent publications (max. 1 page);
3. the acceptance of conference paper;

Additionally (if relevant):

1. the most recent conference booklet or leaflet / conference program (especially if the Applicant is listed);
2. the invitation from the Organizers (for a keynote presentation, etc.).

Your application will be first evaluated by the Editorial Committee and the ITC Conference Grants Manager of the COST Action RESTORE. Then, if the remaining budget allows to provide funding’s it will be submitted for approval by the MC Chair of the Action. Please consult [the RESTORE website](http://www.eurestore.eu/) and [the RESTORE Memorandum of Understanding](https://e-services.cost.eu/files/domain_files/CA/Action_CA16114/mou/CA16114-e.pdf) for details.

It is expected that each ITC grantee will **send a copy of their presentation/poster/paper including RESTORE and COST logo** to the ITC Conference Grants Manager of the RESTORE Action. It will be then disseminated using the official RESTORE website, social media, etc. The material must be submitted to the ITC Conference Grants Manager by email shortly after the conference. Photographic material from the conference (e.g. the Applicant with the RESTORE logo in background) will be requested.

Before filling the application, please consult **the ITC Conference Grant rules in the** [**COST Vademecum**](http://www.cost.eu/Vademecum) **at Section 9 (page 35)**. For any further questions please contact ITC Conference Grants Manager of the COST Action RESTORE jelena.brajkovic@arh.bg.ac.rs.

**ITC Conference Grant Application Form**

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| **Applicant:** | * Name: ……….
* Affiliation: ……….
* Email: ……….
* Phone : ……….
* Country: ……….
* Category: ECI researcher / PhD student
* RESTORE WG: ……….

**Note:** (ECI = Early Career Investigator, a researcher within a time span of up to 8 years from the date they obtained their PhD/doctorate (full-time equivalent), see [COST Vademecum](http://www.cost.eu/Vademecum)) |
| **Conference:**  | * Name: ……….
* Website: ……….
* Topic: ………. (provide the most relevant topic keywords)
* Country: ……….
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| **Dates:** | From: yyyy-mm-ddTo: yyyy-mm-dd |
| **Requested budget:** | **Note:** Please be reasonable in your estimations. Please consult the budget rules in the [COST Vademecum](http://www.cost.eu/Vademecum) at Section 9.  |
| Conference fee (max. 500 Euro): | \_\_\_\_\_\_ Euro |
| Estimated travel costs: | \_\_\_\_\_\_ Euro |
| Stay and meals (max. 160 Euro/day) | \_\_\_\_\_\_ Euro | \_\_\_\_\_\_ Euro/day |
| **Total amount (max. 1500 Euro):** | \_\_\_\_\_\_ Euro |
| **The title of the presentation/paper:** |
| **List of authors (with affiliations):** |
| **Abstract:**  |
| **Describe the importance of the conference, and how the contents of your presentation/paper relate to the COST Action RESTORE, and explain why is it important to your research:**  |
| **A short description of your involvement in this COST Action:**  |